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Concerning the Controversy

Without consulting either Mr. Larabee or Mr. Hutzel, the editor of the Reporter has decided to have a little to say regarding the controversy between them being carried on through the two local papers. When we took charge of this paper about one year ago we announced that the editor would have an opinion on all subjects, but anyone having an adverse opinion would not be barred from expressing it through the columns of this paper. That statement holds good now, but the editor has an opinion in this case. We do not believe that a newspaper should be used for the purpose of airing personal grievances or for "getting back" at the other party. We publish an article this week for Mr. Hutzel, and Mr. Larabee can have space in the Reporter to answer it if he chooses to do so, but any further continuance of the controversy is ill advised. If Mr. Hutzel has the facts and the law to sustain his charges, the proper way to settle the case is through the courts and not through a newspaper. An expert is now examining the books of the various county officers and if anything is wrong it will be reported and if the county commissioners are exceeding their authority in appropriating and spending money and the facts can be properly presented to the court, an injunction will stop any further waste. It is the quiet, honest action that counts and not a lot of noise and wind. We believe the people of the county have a right to know what becomes of the county money and we believe Mr. Larabee tried to tell them in his first article, but we also believe that that article was not as explicit as it might have been and with Mr. Larabee's permission we will write such an article as we deem will answer the question of "What becomes of the county's money and why are taxes increasing?"—Wa-Keeney Reporter, March 17, 1911.

To J. W. Bingham, City

Your missive full of "noise and wind" received. It reminds me very much of the buzzer on a locomotive engine—all sound and no sense. It shows you in your true light. I had taken you to be a fair, reasonable, consistent, intelligent man. In this I was mistaken, for not one of these attributes belong to you.

I wish to call your attention to a fact or two concerning the controversy to which you refer. In connection with this will say, that you and Mr. Larabee have dodged the truth and misrepresented, as it seems, for no purpose other than to evade the existing facts, but from them you can not escape.

In the Reporter for January 26th, 1911, appeared an article by W. N. Larabee, county clerk, addressed to the citizens and taxpayers. This article is misleading and does not state the facts as they actually exist; and, in an article signed: "A taxpayer," published in the Reporter March 2d, 1911, called attention generally to the errors, discrepancies and misleading statements. If you will ask the county treasurer or his deputy if I am a taxpayer, he will tell you that I have paid taxes in Trego county for twenty-six years. And that article was entitled to a full, direct, decent answer. Instead came from Mr. Larabee vile, scurrilous abuse with misrepresentations, imputations, innuendoes and insinuations and these, though false they be, are approved by you, Sir. Then on March 2d, 1911, appeared in the Reporter an article by me to Mr. Larabee calling his special attention to the little things overlooked by him: such as the taking of money not warranted or allowed by law, the unnecessary increase in

taxes, extravagance and other little matters that tend toward the wrongs and unjustified burden of the taxpayers of Trego county.

Of course, this makes little difference to you as I fail to find of record in the county treasurer's office where you ever paid as much as one cent taxes in Trego county.

And, Sir, I extend to you and Mr. Larabee a special invitation to show in either of my articles anything unfair, any malice, any "getting back" any personal grievance, (in the sense in which you used the term,) in fact, anything unreasonable, or anything solicited on my part that should not be published for the benefit of the citizens and taxpayers of Trego county.

In as much as Mr. Larabee commenced this series of articles, fair and consistent honesty, right and justice to one and all demand that any citizen or taxpayer should have an opportunity to answer any thing the gentleman might have to say. Will simply say that no one has ever charged or accused you of having an "opinion" though you have tried to plead guilty more than once.

I find that I am consuming too much newspaper space, so will simply say that your pretensions, bigotry and egotism concerning these matters and the controversy named are excellent and surpassed only by your ignorance of the law, of the purpose of injunction, the object of an expert examination of the county records, and your ignorance of Mr. Larabee's authority. Excuse me, Mr. Bingham, but will just say that should all hunters in Trego county be out shooting book-keepers, you would be perfectly safe any distance from an inch up; can be more explicit if you wish. If you can't wash Mr. Larabee's dirty linen, cover it up if you can, but before you get "Permission from Mr. Larabee" to tell the public: "What becomes of the county's money and why are taxes increasing," it might be well for you to show and prove to the public that you will be fair, truthful and honest in the matter, and that you are competent and capable and in addition to these you should say to the public that the columns of the Reporter are open to any taxpayer other than S. M. Hutzel to point out your errors and false statements and that any citizen or taxpayer except S. M. Hutzel has the privilege of tearing off your mask and showing you up in your true light and as you really and verily exist.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. M. Hutzel.

Pickled pork at Baker's.

Chas Weiman is enjoying a visit from his brother of Nebraska this week.

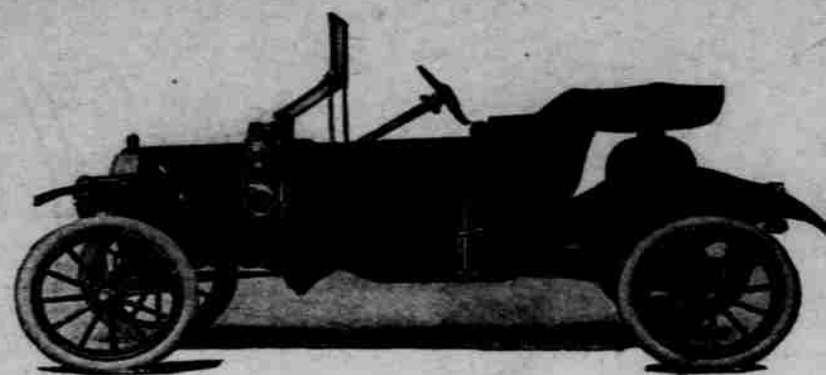
Mrs. M. J. Bushman is visiting in Hays, the guests of Mrs. C. W. F. Street.

David Glantz and Miss Anna Kerbs of Collyer were married at the office of the Probate Judge Tuesday afternoon.

Remember Schungapavi's entertainment Saturday evening of this week. Entertaining and instructive, and one half of your money stays here for the benefit of the regular lecture course fund. Tickets on sale at the drug. Fifty and thirty-five cents. Buy early and secure good seats.

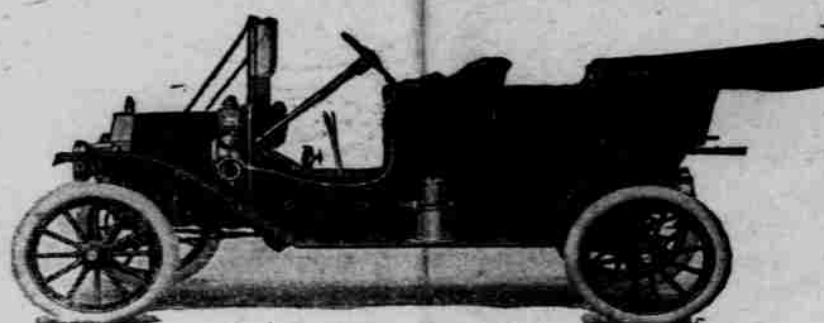
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John W. Spena
AGENT

Wa-Keeney, Kansas
Also Agent for THE OVERLAND and STAFFORD AUTOS

Kansas City Market Report

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 21, 1911.

Repeated declines lately on beef steers appears to have aroused a rebellion among feeders today and the supply was cut down one third from recent Tuesdays. Rising temperature, together with other adverse features, have made the big beef animals slow to move for two or three weeks, and the market yesterday touched the low spot of the winter on some kinds. Anything under 1200 lbs. weight is selling steady today, steers above that weight dull, and sometimes a little lower, run here 8000 head. Stockers and feeders are 10 lower today, but they could stand further losses and still be bringing remunerative prices, as compared with beef steers. A small drove of steers brought \$6.55 yesterday, top this week, which was only 10 cents under Chicago's top same day, where they had twenty five thousand cattle on sale. Some steers sold at \$6.30 here today, but \$5.60 to \$6.15 catches most of them. A year ago best steers were bringing around \$8.25 and not many sales were under \$6.25. Receipts at the market last March were about as heavy as they are this month. Big increase in hog and sheep receipts all around is the only explanation of the discrepancy. Butcher grades are holding up pretty good, although hogs are some lower this week, and calves are off 25 cents today, following a big break since a week ago. Bulk of cows bring \$4.00 to \$5.25, heifers up to \$6.00, bulls \$4.00 to \$5.10, calves \$4.50 to \$7.50, stock steers \$4.50 to \$5.90 feeders \$5.40 to \$6.00.

Hogs recovered some of the loss of yesterday this morning, run here 14,000 head, market 10 higher. Guesses yesterday on the supply today never fell below twenty thousand head, and as the same idea of holding back struck the shippers to all the markets today, higher prices were logical. Traders are at sea when figuring on probable supplies ahead. The big run of heavy hogs yesterday indicated that feeders had been feeding for weight, and if that were a general condition it should mean liberal runs right along. But today's slim run shows that there are so many hogs ready to come but that the country can hold them back when it wants to. Heavy weights sold at \$6.60 to \$6.67 1-2 here today, medium weights \$6.65 to \$6.77 1-2, light weights \$6.70 to \$6.77 1-2.

Run of sheep dropped down today to 6000 head, following a supply of nearly 18,000 head yesterday. The market is holding about steady today, a little lower than close of last week, top lambs \$6.25, clipped lambs \$5.20, light yearlings \$5.65, wethers \$5, clipped wethers \$4.40, woolled ewes \$4.75. Colorado is shipping out fast, but has enough to last three or four weeks yet. Native territory is pretty well drained. Texas grass muttons will start in April.

J. A. Rickart,
Market Correspondent.

For Sale

Good heavy young team, single harness, seed oats, seed barley.

48-1f J. T. W. Cloud.

Abstracts of title made promptly at reasonable rates. W. H. Swiggett.

Weather Report

Maximum and minimum temperature according to the government thermometer at Wa-Keeney for the week ending Wednesday noon.

	MAX.	MIN.
Thursday.....	69.....	29.....
Friday.....	54.....	39.....
Saturday.....	58.....	19.....
Sunday.....	74.....	32.....
Monday.....	81.....	39.....
Tuesday.....	78.....	52.....
Wednesday.....	70.....	37.....

Nice spring weather but no rain in the last week.

Public Sale

The school board of district 9 will sell at public auction at 2 o'clock, Monday, April 3d:

Frame school house 12x24.
Good iron pump and well casing.
A lot of school desks and seats.
A good heating stove.
Some out buildings.
Terms—On sums over \$5 a credit of six months at 8 per cent; under \$5 cash.

H. C. McCollum,
Clerk of school board.
M. W. Mason,
Auctioneer.

Guessed Why

"My daughter made a big mistake," remarked old John Tellit; while waiting for the mail to be distributed, "when she turned down the chance of marrying a country boy with a fair amount of worldly goods and eighty but along came the town dude and she promptly put out the bait to catch him. He is one of those real nice fellows—the kind that don't swear or chew or tell bad stories—keeps his hands nice and white, shaves every day and presses his trousers twice a week, but he ate. The country chap used to take her to everything that came along and show her a good time three nights out of the week but this fellow's idea of a good time is to sit in the parlor and read Shakespeare. He is so confounded nice that he won't even hug her unless she tells him to. And in the meantime the fellow she jilted has gotten to be more of a swell than the town guy. He goes with the nicest girls in town, has an auto, and isn't a bit stingy with the gasoline. Yes, she missed it alright and she knows it now, but it's too late. Her opportunity got tired of knocking at the parlor door and is gone never to return."—Jamestown Optimist.

Here is a true story told by John McDonald of the Western School Journal: "The principal of a village school in Kansas one afternoon detected a boy cutting the letters of his name in the desk in front of him. As the novels would put it, the principal rushed to the spot, angrily put forth his hand intending to grasp the boy by the collar, when lo! and also behold! close by the newly formed letters were the initials of the principal's own name written himself when he was a pupil in the same school. His grasp upon the boy's collar unloosened itself, and he returned to his desk a sadder and wiser teacher. That principal is today judge of an important court in one of the greatest cities in the world. We often wonder whether or not in the administration of justice the judge ever thinks of the incident in the village school!"

New Landlady

Mrs. Clara R. Reynolds who recently traded land for the Hotel Pomeroy building has purchased the furniture and fixtures from Allen Elder and took possession Tuesday noon. Mrs. Reynolds comes here from Trego county. We welcome her to our city and trust she will enjoy a business patronage that will be entirely satisfactory to her.—Hill City Republican.

A Big Land Deal

Our townsman Wm. Wells has sold his big Spring Creek Ranch ten miles northeast of Hill City to John Stewart of Edgingham, Kans. for \$51,000. There were 1720 acres in the ranch and was finely improved. He received in payment for the ranch a 200 acre farm near Edgingham valued at \$25,000, and the balance in cash. This is probably the largest land deal ever pulled off in one body in the country. Having sold the ranch Mr. Wells will retire from farming altogether and will have a big cleaning up sale on Monday March 27. He has a bunch of about 50 head of the finest mares ever gathered together in the country.—Hill City Republican.

J. J. Peacock returned Wednesday morning from Kansas City where he has been for the last two months.

Moki Indian history, legends and traditions. Intensely interesting and entertaining. Hear Shungopavi Saturday evening.

Official statement of the financial condition of the Wa-Keeney State bank at Wa-Keeney, state of Kansas, at the close of business on the 16th day of March, 1911.

Resources	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 136,154 84
Loans on real estate.....	13,913
Overdrafts.....	225 77
Bank building.....	1,000 00
Expense account.....	6 16
Cash items and clearing-house items	5,000 00
Cash and slight exchange, legal reserve	58,182 00
Total.....	\$ 214,777 96
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	25,000 00
Undivided profits.....	7,041 67
Interest.....	435 11
Exchange.....	19 26
Individual deposits.....	124,022 36
Bank and bankers' deposits.....	13,933 36
Certificates of deposit.....	157,283 02
Total.....	\$214,777 96

State of Kansas, County of Trego, ss.
I, Chase T. Wilson, cashier of said bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true; that said bank has no liabilities, and is not indorser on any note or obligation other than shown on the above statement, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.
Chase T. Wilson,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of March, 1911.
Attest: Celia K. Cutler,
Notary Public.
Commission expires on the 6th day of November, 1911.

I. T. Purcell
A. P. Hinshaw
E. D. Neff
J. W. Marquand
R. C. Wilson
Directors.

Official statement of the financial condition of the Collyer State bank at Collyer, state of Kansas, at close of business on the 16th day of March, 1911.

Resources	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 33,420 10
Overdrafts.....	79 57
Real estate, Bank Building.....	1,000 00
Expense account.....	78 13
Cash items and clearing-house items	95 76
Cash and slight exchange, legal reserve	20,162 80
Total.....	\$74,846 36
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in.....	10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	4,000 00
Undivided profits.....	381 94
Interest.....	319 25
Exchange.....	15 50
Individual deposits.....	54,384 50
Certificates of deposit.....	5,724 19
Rents on safety deposit boxes.....	20 00
Total.....	\$74,846 36

State of Kansas, County of Trego, ss.
I, John J. Harrison, cashier of said bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true; that said bank has no liabilities, and is not indorser on any note or obligation, other than shown on the above statement, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.
John J. Harrison,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of March, 1911.
Attest: Chas. E. Downie,
Notary Public.
Commission expires on the 2nd day of September 1913.

James Walsh
John J. Harrison
Chas. R. Kirby
Directors.

Public Sale

I will sell at public auction at my farm, 1 mile north of Bosna and 12 miles southwest of Wa-Keeney, on

Tuesday, March 28th
commencing at 10 a. m., the following property:

9 Head of Horses—1 span sorrel mares 9 and 10 years old, weight 1300 lbs., colts by their side; 1 team roan mares 7 and 8 years old, weight 1000 lbs., colts by their side; 1 pair black horses 6 and 7 years old, weight 1400 lbs.; 1 team driving horses 5 and 6 years old, bay and spotted; 1 mare coming 3 years old.

4 Head of Cattle—1 cow 4 years old, fresh May 1st; 1 fresh cow; 2 calves, coming yearlings.

28 Head of Swine—2 sows, weight 300 lbs. each, with 18 pigs; 1 sow, to farrow July 1st, weight 300 lbs.; 7 shoats, weight 80 to 100 lbs. each.

Farm Machinery—1 McCormick header, new; 2 header boxes; 2 wagons, 1 new; 1 hay rack; 1 riding lister; 1 2-row lister; 1 cultivator, new; 1 12-disc Kentucky drill; 1 1-horse corn drill; 2 riding cultivators; 1 corn planter; 1 3-section harrow; 1 John Deere gang plow; 1 walking plow; 1 16-inch disc; 1 Buckeye mower; 1 Thompson rake, self dump; 1 grindstone; 1 wooden tower wind mill; 3 sets heavy harness; 1 set driving harness. 300 bushels corn; 150 bushels barley; 75 bushels speltz; 150 bushels oats; 12 bushels millet seed; 15 bushels seed potatoes; 25 bushels seed corn; 10 tons alfalfa hay; 6 tons prairie hay; 10 loads cots.

Household Goods—1 heater; 1 cook stove; 1 bureau; 1 press; 1 sewing machine; 2 tables; 2 beds with springs; 3 rocking chairs; 1 stand table; 6 kitchen chairs; 1 cupboard; 1 clock; dishes and jars and other articles.

Terms—Sums of \$10 and under, cash; on sums over \$10, credit until September 1, 1911, purchaser to give note with approved security, bearing 8 per cent interest. 5 per cent discount for cash. N. B.—All grain at this sale will be cash, without discount.

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SAM CONNELLY

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Will stay at the Trego House